

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Carlos Vonderwalde Freidberg

For: **NON-THROMBOGENIC  
STENT JACKET**

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) Examiner: not assigned

) Group Art Unit: not assigned

) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-28, 31, 33 and 34, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-3, 9-11, 29, 30 and 32 , as follows:

1. (Amended) A stent assembly for maintaining the patency of a body lumen comprising an expandable stent with a cylindrical jacket formed of biocompatible, non-thrombogenic material, the cylindrical jacket comprising a thinned layer of tissue having a surface formed from removal of an outer layer of the tissue.